

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

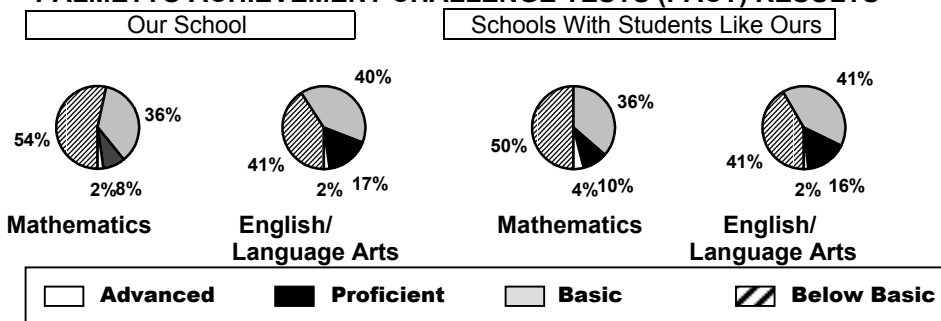
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating Below Average Improvement Rating Unsatisfactory
2002
2003
2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=383)	59.3%	46.7%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=33)	45.5%	19.4%		
Students without disabilities (n=340)	62.4%	49.9%		
Gender				
Male (n=194)	52.6%	45.2%		
Female (n=179)	69.8%	48.9%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=189)	43.4%	32.5%		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=177)	78.5%	61.7%		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=249)	50.2%	35.2%		
Pay for lunch (n=123)	82.1%	71%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,277	N/A	\$5,015	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 87.8%	89.2%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	N/A	20.6 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=429)				
• Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96%	95.6%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.9%	N/A	8%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	6.8%	N/A	6.8%	4.0%
• Retention rate	9.9%	Down from 10.5%	5.7%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=27)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.3 Days	Down from 9.9	8.1 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	93.6%	Down from 94.3%	95.1%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.7%	Up from 38.5%	41.8%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.9%	Up from 88.5%	80.4%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.3%	Up from 86.3%	84.4%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,658	Up 10.2%	\$35,964	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	68.9%	N/A	60.8%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	2.5	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	39.5%	N/A	84.3%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	46.6%	Down from 68.5%	54.7%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	12.8%	Down from 14.4%	7.5%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	51	N/A	17	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	0%	N/A	9.3%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	11.3%	N/A	9%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	12%	Up from 8.9%	14.5%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a very productive year at Forest Circle Middle School. Our students showed improvement in all academic areas. Our students were active in various service learning projects, clubs, and other extracurricular activities throughout the year. Our accomplishments for the year included:

- * 22% of our students surpassing (proficient or above) State standards in math or Language Arts on 2000 PACT.
- * A 14% increase in students meeting State standards for PACT test scores in math for 2000.
- * A 10% increase in students meeting State standards for PACT test scores in Language Arts for 2000.
- * Of the 110 students enrolled in our after-school program (21st Century/CIC), 47% were promoted to the next grade without the need of remediation.

Our teachers continue to be on the cutting edge of instruction by attending various conferences and staff development opportunities. We completed our 5-year School Renewal Plan and began the process of applying for the Exemplary Writing Program.

Barbara Steele was selected as our Teacher of the Year and was also recognized as the district's top middle school teacher. First year Guidance Counselor, James Broderick, was also recognized as a "Top Rookie" by the district.

Through our strong PTO, we had a successful fundraising year. We raised over \$5,000.00 to purchase supplemental instructional materials and resources for our classrooms.

As you can see, at Forest Circle Middle we are building success through teamwork!

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	89.3	58.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	82.1	48.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	42.9	71.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Forest Circle Middle
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Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 429 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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